

**EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Called Meeting**  
**December 10, 2008**

The Edgefield County Council held a Called Meeting at 5:30 P.M. Wednesday, December 10, 2008, in the County Council Chambers, 225 Jeter Street, Edgefield, for the consideration of the bids received for the purchase of two modular buildings to be used at the North and the South radio towers (transmitter buildings).

**Members present**

C. Monroe Kneece, Chairman  
Willie C. Bright, Vice Chairman  
Joel D. Hudson, Councilman  
B. Everette Kitchens, Councilman

**Members absent**

Norman Dorn, Councilman

**Others present**

John Pettigrew, Jr., County Administrator  
John Byrd, Jr., County Attorney  
Lynn Strom, Finance Manager  
Barbara R. Stark, Clerk to Council  
and others as per the list attached

The chairman called the meeting to order and proceeded with the business at hand.

Mike Casey addressed council concerning the modular buildings. "Council has already voted to appropriate money (match money) toward the refurbished project with the communication towers.

We have two grants and Sandy and I were working under the assumption that the grants did not expire until March 31, 2009. In talking with the State Emergency Preparedness staff in the grants department they told us not to forget that one of the grants expires December 31, 2008. That is why the rush because we could lose over \$9,000 in grant money. All of this money was written into two grants and are designed in such a way so they can be used for the tower, transmitter building, generators, and pieces and parts for the tower (s) system. We wrote it rather ambiguously on purpose so we could make the square pegs fit in the round holes.

I held off spending any money for a while simply because I was hoping there would be some resolution as to what council's decision would be toward rebuilding from the Neighborhood fire because there was some discussion as to where we might move the tower. That has not been resolved and back to what I said a while ago we do not want to lose this money. I will go ahead and buy the transmitter buildings now and then we can

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come back and use some additional funds down the road for the tower and/or apply for another grant for additional funds to purchase a new tower, which will have to be done before long. So, that is where we are.

My bid specs were for two buildings: one for the south repeater site and one for the north repeater site. It is an 8x10 transmitter building and for the north site which holds additional equipment over the south site is a 10x12 building. Both of the buildings have a concrete floor, three and a half inches thick. The south building doesn't hold as many pieces of equipment. There isn't a county government system in there and some other equipment that is in the north site that isn't at the south site. That is why I did not need one as large. They have a hardy plank siding (basically a composite cement siding), has a sealant on it, inside is completely built, all of the receptacles, overhead lights, equipment rack, ladder racks overhead. Everything is there. We bring it in and put one on the existing concrete pad at the south repeater site and at the north site we will pour a pad next to the concrete block building that is settling and cracking. If we should move that site down the road and we don't know that, but if we should, the only thing we would be out would be the cost of the concrete pad.

The bids came in – two of them were void immediately because they were sent to me (one an e-mail, one in an envelope and not marked “bid”). As soon as they were opened they were immediately voided because I had prior knowledge as to what the bid price would be, which is against the bid rules. A couple of bids were sent in that stated “we will put them on wheels and hook them to a trailer hitch and roll them in to you.” I said no, that is not what I want. I want a true transmitter building. The rest of the ones that came in ranged from the low bid of \$31,000 to \$68,090. The closest one to the \$31,000 was \$37,191 – it was a no-brainer.

Sandy and I went to Palmetto Shelters in Columbia (the \$31,000 bid) and looked at the buildings he had on site. They were exactly what were looking for and the pad was already poured. I watched the working on one of them and it looked fine to me (100 times better than what we have now). I feel it will last for sometime to come. My recommendation is to go with the \$31,000 bid. They will need a 50% deposit to finish construction of the two buildings. We will take the remaining money that would expire by December 31<sup>st</sup>, commit that and some of the other grant money that expires March 31<sup>st</sup> and take that money and go ahead and put the deposit down. The \$31,000 includes shipping. When it gets to Edgefield County both units will be on a lowboy trailer, and I have contacted White Crane Company and they said it be would about \$900 for a crane to come over and lift them off and set them on the pads. They both can be done in one day - about six hours altogether. The buildings do have air conditioning.

The road crew will prepare the site for the pouring of the concrete. Mike stated that he

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would talk with some concrete companies concerning fixing the slabs for shedding water.

Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Hudson, to approve the \$31,000 bid submitted by Palmetto Shelters in Columbia. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Hudson. Motion carried.

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Barbara R. Stark, Clerk to Council